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Majority prices were one cent lower in the West, one cent higher in the East, mostly unchanged in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, steady in the Midwest, and at least steady in the East. Demand following the holiday weekend was light to moderate, best for food establishments close to shopping centers. Supplies were adequate to at times well cleared. In the parts structure, trading was fair with most assessing needs. Breast items were readily available, dark meat was sufficient, and wings were close to tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 29-NOV-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD LOADS	WTD LOADS	
		AVG	AVG	
Boston/New Eng	65.00-67.00	66.45	11	67.49 24
Chicago	58.00-61.00	62.23	40	64.55 66
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			62.74 19
Denver	79.50	79.50	10	77.54 13
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.00	11	65.26 62
Los Angeles	80.00	77.83	53	73.61 121
New York	63.00-65.00	63.96	27	65.55 64
Philadelphia	62.50-65.00	63.45	11	62.34 22
Pittsburgh	62.00-65.00	63.91	11	66.19 49
St. Louis	61.25-61.50	60.97	21	62.18 41
San Francisco	80.50	79.36	25	82.21 47

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/29/04	Change/Last Wk	11/22/04	12/01/03
528	68.43	.07	68.36	65.37

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.00-66.00	65.62	34
Central	59.00-67.00	66.54	67
Western	60.00-74.00	70.31	36
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	71.69	77

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	FINAL WTD AVG
		FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,052	58.00-76.25	72.75
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD AVG	VOLUME
(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)	
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,225
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	4,849
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,254
THIGH MEAT - B/S	71.50	984
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,384
WINGS	91.00	2,626

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged seasonally light to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were generally adequate and well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient with thighs in the better balance. Wings were well cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail demand following the holiday weekend was fair to moderate, best for features. Food service was also fair to moderate and expected to increase due to Christmas shopping. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was only fair with wings balanced to tight, dark meat balanced, and breast items at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Buyers' interest was fair at best, and as anticipated. Retailer demand was seasonally moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was about steady on leg quarters, fully steady on boneless leg meat and wings, and generally steady on balance of parts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.46 down .33 with the volume reported unchanged from last week at 28 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices generally unchanged from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings adequate for limited trade call. Overall, demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good into fast food around shopping centers. Floor stocks adequate; weights desirable to mixed. Supplies of breast cuts moderate to heavy, wings tight, and dark meat lines moderate to light. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and dark meat items; and steady to barely steady on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, thighs were tight. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Other items were generally noted as at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	61-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.50
NO. OF BOXES	9,425

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally fair entering the week as dealers assess market conditions. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were more than sufficient; bone-in breasts were available. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was at least steady on wings; about steady for breast items and generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	125.23	421,680
TENDERLOINS	110	113.22	124,090
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	72.92	131,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.42	94,200
LEGS	42-43	39.04	329,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.42	262,109
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	36.52	71,400
THIGHS	26-27	36.57	51,920
B/S THIGHS	76-77	72.69	64,900
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	101.64	108,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.62	41,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.23	19,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	70.28	19,840

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,549	105.00-199.00	112-122	121.37
TENDERLOINS	512	105.00-177.00	107-110	107.44
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	774	26.00-29.00	26-27	26.67
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,847	27.00-31.00	27-30	27.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	960	21.00-24.00	23-24	23.50

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS (1,000)
	11/29	11/25	11/25	11/22	11/18
Alabama	4,010	(A)	(A)	4,060	5.22
Arkansas	5,540	Holiday	Holiday	5,792	5.07
Delmarva	2,303	Holiday	Holiday	2,149	5.54
KY-LA-TN	2,126	(A)	(A)	2,111	5.07
Mississippi	3,068	Holiday	Holiday	3,063	5.59
North Carolina	2,535	(A)	(A)	2,495	6.41
Texas	2,496	Holiday	Holiday	2,481	5.08
Total	22,078	622	4.77	22,151	5.37
Mon	22,078(B)			22,151(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Nov 2004 is estimated to be 33,031,000 down 0.63 percent from a week ago. and up 9.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,240,000 last year 30,211,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	720	110.00-150.00	112-120	117.65
TENDERLOINS	245	105.00-175.00	106-112	119.18
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	70.00-76.00	72-74	72.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	30.00-49.00	32-34	34.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	855	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	86.00-92.00	86-88	87.12
WINGS (CUT)	385	107.00-115.00	110-113	111.39
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 29, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 45.00	42.11	41.64

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF NOV-29-DEC-03-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 132.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 91.00	68.00 - 79.00
LEGS	34.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	90.00 - 107.00	92.00 - 100.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	94.75-98.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98.25-102.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-67
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 103-105
	DRY PACK 103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	175-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.75-22.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	20.61		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-25.00	18.00-20.00	2,857,000	2,457,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.15	19.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	11-13	11.89
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-16.00	11.00-18.00	1,784,000	804,800
WTD AVERAGE	15.04	13.10		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	15.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of raw materials. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-14.75	10.25-11.5	11.09

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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